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Things to Remember

PEOPLE who live in Arizona and New Mexico, and who have American spirit and get-up enough in them to want to live in a state, and be American citizens in fact as well as in name, must not forget that the money interests, for substantial reasons of their own, are moving heaven and earth to defeat the statehood bill in congress, and thus keep these territories in their present condition.

They must not forget that this interest is controlled by non-resident nabobs who do not care a fig whether the people of these territories are citizens or serfs, so long as their corporations can continue to fatten upon the wealth of our country, and escape taxation.

They must not forget that we also have among us, in each territory, a number of residents, with so little patriotism and so little Americanism that they are willing to remain expatriated indefinitely for a chance at the public feat. So far as they are concerned the conditions which existed here a hundred years ago would suit them well enough, provided they could get their little mess of pottage in exchange for their birth rights.

We must not forget that the corporations have the money, and are therefore able to make the noise. They furnish the sinews of war for the Esau party, and thus cause many people in the states to believe that they represent a majority of the people of the territories, when the fact is that aside from themselves and their purchased assistants, they represent a minority so small that it is insignificant.

But because we know this to be true we must not take it for granted that the people of the country at large know it, and unless we take proper measures to counteract it they will naturally believe it.

We must remember that a lie travels fast, while the truth is slow to overtake it, and for that reason we should utilize every means at our command to counteract the evil influence of the pernicious stories that are so freely circulated about the territories and their people by those persons who are in the business for revenue only.

Write letters to members of the house, to senators, to the president, and to any one you may chance to know at the capital. Let our political and commercial clubs take the matter in hand and make themselves heard. Let us employ every agency that can have any influence in bringing the facts before the country, and especially before congress and the public press. Let us remember that this is the chance of a life time. It is not a question of whether we shall become one state or two states, but of whether we shall put on the full garb of American citizenship, or content to occupy subordinate positions during the remainder of our natural lives.

Send on petitions. Adopt resolutions. Write letters. Do something, and keep doing it. Let us show to our countrymen and the world, that if we have to remain underlings the fault is in our state, and not in ourselves.

'Old Ironsides'

ALL Massachusetts is up in arms against Secretary Bonaparte's recommendation that the old frigate, Constitution, now lying at the Charlestown navy yard, be dismantled and broken up. The secretary justifies his position by the fact that only a portion of the materials of the vessel with which Hull captured the Quersiere entered into the construction of the present Constitution, and argues that this portion, as far as serviceable, might be used in the construction of a new ship to bear the old name.

Mr. Bonaparte's argument is undoubtedly good, but nevertheless, the present vessel contains enough of the original to warrant the weaving of a halo about her in the minds of the American people, and cause her to be regarded as a sacred object, and public sentiment would not tolerate the suggestion to break her up. Coin the vessels upon the altar into beer money, and feed the shew bread to tramps, if you will, but don't lay sacrilegious hands upon "Old Ironsides."

"O better that her shattered hull
 Should sink beneath the wave;
 Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
 And there should be her grave;
 Nail to the mast her holy flag,
 Set every threadbare sail,
 And give her to the god of storms,
 The lightning and the gale."

THE Optic says the Las Vegas postoffice has given the government more trouble than any other postoffice in the United States. Why doesn't the government interview the editor of the Optic? That would fix it.

THE authorities of the Oxford and Cambridge University presses have finally consented to omit from reprints of the Authorized Version of the Bible its ridiculously false and false dedication to King James.

ARIZONA has a very distinguished delegation in Washington, laboring assiduously in the interest of the poor over-taxed mine owners of that territory. The delegation consists of Mr. Frank Murphy.

They Are Immune

OUR esteemed contemporaries at Santa Fe and Las Vegas have at last found a valid reason for criticizing the Journal. "This is the way they long have sought, and mourned because they found it not," and now that they have got it they are making the most of it.

When Superintendent Bursum was in Albuquerque about ten days ago he said the present section of the scenic road was "about" completed to Las Vegas, and he wanted to talk to our people in regard to the section from Santa Fe to this place. In an article on the subject we omitted the word "about," and made Mr. Bursum say the road was "completed." But it appears now that this territorial enterprise which has been on hand for so long a time, and upon which so much of the public money has been expended, is "completed" only as far as the Santa Fe summer resort, a few miles out, on the Pecos. And even that is a good deal, for it enables the respectable people of Santa Fe to get out of the pile counter atmosphere a little while every season, which is a privilege they no doubt appreciate. Of course it was very wrong in the Journal to announce the completion of the road prematurely. But the papers at Santa Fe and Las Vegas needn't be alarmed. They will never be punished for printing the news too early. They are immune.

THE reappointment of Marshal Foraker indicates peace between the president and the Ohio senator. Tally another for joint statehood.

IF THE weather bureau is sending us this sample of its goods as a Christmas present, we are rather glad Christmas comes but once a year.

THE present term of court has come very interesting business before it.

WE WILL HAVE TO PASS IT UP

To the Morning Journal:
 We see from the Evening Citizen that Superintendent of the Penitentiary and Chairman of the republican central committee, H. O. Bursum, and Attorney General Prichard and Hon. Solomon Luna, national committee-man, are in Washington. The Citizen states that Mr. Bursum and the attorney general are making statements against joint statehood and as to the percentage of the people of New Mexico who favor joint statehood, etc. It falls to state what statements? Hon. Solomon Luna, national committee-man, makes. Will either the Journal or the Citizen inform the public what stand Mr. Luna has taken and is taking in Washington on this proposition? It is especially interesting from the fact that he is a very large stockholder in the largest stockholder in the citizen.

A LETTER TO BILL ON GAMBLING

(From "Letters of a Poor Man," in "Modern Methods.")

My Dear Bill:
 Enclosed find ten dollars with which you may pay your room rent and release your trunk. Your very frank statement as to how you came to be broke touched me. Don't think for a minute that this is easy money because I am sending it all in a lump. I took it out of my baby's bank and will have to replace it before the child gets old enough to count money. You stated in your pathetic request for assistance that you had backed a "king full" to the limit only to find when you called that the other fellow had four queens. It is a self-evident fact that a king full cannot beat four queens, although at the time I know many men become possessed of the idea that such things can happen.

Now, Bill, if you'll take a straight and friendly tip, I'll quit the fascinating game of poker and stick to the less exciting but more economical games of old maid and pedro. At the end of the week you will be surprised to find out how big your salary really is.

Poker is a delusion and a snare. No man ever became rich out of it, and played the game honestly, and no man that plays it for fun ever really feels satisfied when it is over. If he wins he feels like a sneak thief because he is carrying home money he knows his friend really needs. If he loses he feels resentment toward the friends who are carrying away his money and his I. O. U's. And by the way buying up I. O. U's is the most unsatisfactory trade a man can make. It has been my experience that a man loses at poker no matter how the game goes. I may have been unfortunate, but I distinctly remember that the only time I had a big stack of chips in front of me when the daylight and the milkman came to disturb the game, the banker turned out to be insolvent. I took his I. O. U. for the \$7 worth of chips I had, which represented about my original stake of \$5, and I still have it. He never even offered to go into bankruptcy so that I could get my share of the proceeds from a sale of the assets.

Bill, cut out poker. It means extravagance of time and money. There is nothing in it. A man will sit up all night to win sixty-five cents from a friend and give up six hours sleep, but he couldn't think of working for less than five dollars a day. He misses sleep that his health requires and he loses money that either he or his wife or his children need. I can sympathize with a man who buys a gold brick or a package of money "just as good as the government makes," but the man that sits in a poker game is not deserving of a gentle thought. He hasn't a chance and he knows it. When he gets through with the game he is disgusted with himself and his friends. He sees in them nothing but a lot of money-grabbing rakes who would raise him on the last pot when his cheeks were low, just to freeze him out. In desperation he backs his "threes" by raising the opener, whose stock is represented by three white chips, no sympathy, no common decency. It is a cut-throat game played by cut-throats. A sympathetic man may enter a poker game with the love of mankind in his heart. He will come out of it full of selfishness and spleen. He knows that if he doesn't play his hand for all it is worth somebody will take the pot with a pair of deuces. He soon finds out that the man with a few chips in front of him and no money in his pockets is an easy man to bluff, and he proceeds to bluff.

"Sorry for you, old man," says he, "but this time I'll have to tilt this just once. My threes are too big to pass."

So he throws in a blue chip and a white and looks wise. As a matter of fact, he has a pair of nines and a ace, he draws two cards and doesn't better.

The opener with kings and deuces doesn't better and lays down in the face of what seems certain defeat. He can't afford to look. He's broke, so the man with the big stack of chips and the cold blooded stare carries off more chips.

That's poker as it's played and friendship as it pretends to be. Poker players stand off their landladies and their tailors, their butchers and their grocers. They accumulate debts quicker than they ever could accumulate chips. In the end they lose their self-respect and in many cases their homes and ruined promising careers. Cut it out. There is nothing in it and the money you might win will not begin to repay you for your loss of time and self-respect. There is only one way to make money, and that is to work for it. There is only one way to save money, and that is to bank it.

Poker is a get-poor-quick game, and as such it is a success. I am sending you the ten you asked for because I was in your position. That I am able to send you such a large amount is evidence that I am no longer a devotee of jackpots and stud. I am putting my poker money in the baby's bank.

Write me soon, and I hope then to hear that you are again on your feet. Hoping you may find something in this letter that will appeal to you, I am,

Your sincere friend,
 OWEN MOORE.

Isn't She Spiteful.
 Map, more a slave to the senses than woman is, may not know all those delicacies of the mind which divine suffering gives to her. He does not enter into the details of the heart which he captivates; when he laughs, she must laugh, and only when he suffers must she weep.—Countess Marie Montemeri.

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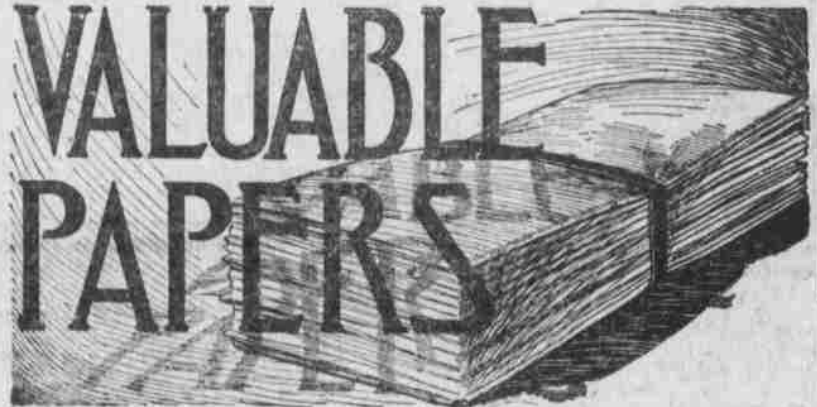
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